

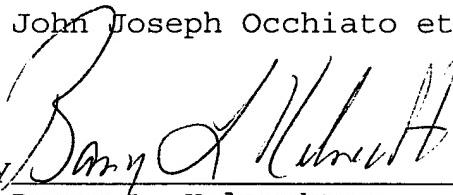
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment, the section entitled U.S.
GOVERNMENT RIGHTS has been added to the specification.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this
Preliminary Amendment. Should the Commissioner determine that a
fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to
Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Respectfully submitted,

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